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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90
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A RESOLUTION to proclaim the week of May 12-18, 1997, as
"Shriners' Week in Tennessee".

WHEREAS, since 1922, the Shrine of North America has had a profound impact as a charitable organization in our great state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Shriners' Hospitals serve crippled and burned children in need, and currently operate a 22-hospital pediatric health-care system offering world-class medical care at no charge to these children with orthopedic disabilities or burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 children have been treated at Shriners' hospitals where they are able to receive some of the most advanced medical treatment and research in North America; and

WHEREAS, Shriners' Hospitals have accomplished this tremendous task without insurance monies or government assistance; they operate solely and effectively on charitable contributions, with less than four percent of their operating budget going to administrative or fundraising costs; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Shriners' Hospitals for crippled children offer much needed medical care and services to more than 5,000 children each year, and members of Tennessee Shrine Temples work diligently to provide transportation to and from the hospitals for patients, sponsor the children in their local areas, and raise funds for hospital activities; and

WHEREAS, the Shrine in Tennessee is comprised of five regional offices or temples, including locations in Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Kingsport; and

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WHEREAS, within each temple, one can find men from every walk of life--doctors, attorneys, retired military, politicians, farmers, manufacturing workers, and policemen- -and each of these men works selflessly toward a common goal: the betterment of the children left in their care; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the state of Tennessee, it is appropriate that we honor the good works of the 20,000 members of the Shrine in Tennessee, and respectfully proclaim the week of May 12-18, 1997, "Shriners' Week in Tennessee"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we do hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 1997, "Shriners' Week in Tennessee", in recognition of their generous and outstanding contributions to our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.